MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know from the Chief Engineer the date on which the estimate was prepared and how long it was pending?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: About six or seven years. I am giving it merely from memory.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether any action was taken after this question was asked?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I am told that it is to have priority. So I am concentrating on that Kollakadavu Bridge.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether the Honourable member considers it true that large number of buses run along this road?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Sir, to get a completely bridged road from Mavelikara to Chengannur, the people want two or three bridges in the other line. That is why it is getting priority

Construction of new tanks in the Anandanar System.

75. *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR *(Nominated)*: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new tanks proposed to be constructed for use of tail end lands in the Anandanar system; and

(b) the number of such tanks in the Karavilai, Athikkadai, Thenkamputhur and Kottar channels?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: *(a)* Two.

(b) One tank at the tail end of Karavilai channel and the other at the tail end of Thenkamputhur channel.

Steam Rollers.

76. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of P. W. D. Steam Rollers in the Quilon and Kottayam Divisions respectively at the beginning of the current year; and

(b) the total number of such Steam Rollers withdrawn to Trivandrum by the Chief Engineer from the Quilon and Kottayam Divisions respectively during the course of the current year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: *(a)* Quilon Division 3, Kottayam Division 3;

(b) 2 Steam Rollers from Quilon Division were temporarily taken to Trivandrum and they have since been returned on the outbreak of monsoon. None was taken from the Kottayam Division.

Mamon Palam.

77. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which the Mamon Palam on the Quilon-Trivandrum Road collapsed; and

(b) whether the bridge was reconstructed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: *(a)* The Mamon Palam did not collapse,

(b) This does not arise in view of answer to part *(a)*.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the

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Chief Engineer whether there was deadlock of communication on this road at Mamon Palam?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No, Sir. That diversion road was constructed soon.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know why that diversion road was constructed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Because there was a very high bank on the main road and materials cannot be had readily.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know why the necessity arose for making this narrow diversion road?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Because the main bridge collapsed.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: In view of the facts stated, may I know whether the answer given is not either false or wrong?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No, Sir. There are two bridges at Mamon, one across the Mamon river and the other in the midst of a field. It was the latter one that collapsed. There was a very high bank and in order to restore communication the old path which was put up there sometime ago was restored for traffic.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the name of the bridge that has admittedly collapsed according to the Chief Engineer?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: That matter is under investigation.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir I want the name of the bridge?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is called 17/2 Mamon bridge.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know, then, why he has stated in answer to my question that the Mamon Palom did not collapse? Is it not a travesty of truth?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No, Sir. There is a bridge across the Mamon river and this is called the Mamon Palam locally.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Then why was not that fact mentioned in the answer as a matter of fair courtesy?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I did not think.....

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I ask whether the answer is not misleading?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Hardly.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Is there not a departmental direction to call bridges the span of which is over ten feet in length alone as "bridges"?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Well, anything over 10 feet will be called normally a bridge.

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